Patent Claims

- 1. An operator unit for an X-ray examining apparatus, having an
- 2 operating field for operation of an operating system of the X-ray examining
- 3 apparatus and a monitor for displaying an X-ray image for an operator,
- 4 characterized in that an identification system including a counterpart device (3,
- 5 3.1) and an identification means (4, 4.1) for an operator (6) is incorporated into an
- 6 operator unit (10) of the X-ray examining apparatus.
- 2. The operator unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the counterpart means (3) is a card reader.
- 1 3. The operator unit according to claim 2, characterized in that the 2 identification means (4) is a contacting identification device.
- 4. The operator unit according to claim 3, characterized in that the contacting identification device (4) is one of a chip card or a magnetic card.
 - 5. The operator unit according to claim 1, characterized in that the identification device (4.1) is an identification device which operates without contact.

The operator unit according to claim 5, chargeterized in that the б. identification device is a transceiver unit or a transponder which works together 2 with the counterpart device (3.1) of the identification system without contact. The operator unit according to claim 5 or 6, characterized in that the 7. 1 non-contact link between the identification device (4.1) and the counterpart device 2 (3.1) is maintained within a local area (N). 3 The operator unit according to at least one of the preceding claims, 8. 1 characterized in that the counterpart means (3, 3.1) has a read and/or write mode by means of which the identification device (3, 3.1) is read and/or written with installation-specific and/or person-specific data. 4 The operator unit according to claim 8, characterized in that this data 9. is recorded in various X-ray apparatuses and is combined and stored centrally on 2 3 or by means of the identification device (4, 4.1). 10. The operator unit according to at least one of claims 1 through 9, characterized in that the counterpart device (4, 4.1) is integrated into the operating field (2).

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1 11. The operator unit according to one or more of the preceding claims,

characterized in that an individual instrument setting and/or keyboard

management of keys (2.1) on the operating field (2) is accomplished by means of

4 the identification device (4, 4.1).

5 12. The operator unit according to one or more of the preceding claims,

characterized in that the operator unit is cleared and/or activated by the

7 identification device (4, 4.1).

1 13. The operator unit according to one or more of the preceding claims,

2 characterized in that the identification device (4, 4.1) is connected to the operator

3 (6) by a mechanical connection (5).

14. The operator unit according to one or more of the preceding claims 1, wherein through 13; characterized in that a live scanner (20) is also connected upstream

3 from the identification system.

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